It generally takes about three to four years for an industrial project to fructify. Gestation period, however, varies from project to project. As such, the above letters of intent/industrial licences would be at various stages of implementation.

The two industrial licences granted for Jhabua District during the above said period includes an industrial licence issued to M/s Madhya Pradesh Fibres Ltd. for the establishment of a new unit at Meghnagar for manufacture of polyester staple fibre for a capacity of 15,000 TPA. Another letter of intent was granted to this firm in September, 1985 for expansion of capacity from 15,000 TPA to 30,000 TPA to make the project economically more viable. The unit has not yet commenced production.

Of the two districts of Jhabua and Bastar, Jhabua district has been identified as 'No Industry District'. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have identified a growth centre at Meghnagar for development of infrastructural facilities. A sum of Rs. 41 lakhs has been released to the State Government as Centre's share in respect of this growth centre. Besides Central assistance for development of infrastructural facilities, entrepreneurs setting up industries in this district are also entitled to Central Investment Subsidy at the highest rate of 25 per cent subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs, concessional finance facilities etc. The other district, i.e. Bastar, has been identified as Category 'C' backward area and entrepreneurs setting up industries in the district are entitled to Central Investment Subsidy at the rate of 10 per cent subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs, concessional finance facilities etc.

Shortage of coaltar in the country

2243. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of coaltar in the country for use in the construction of roads;

(b) if so, what are the country's annual requirements, indigenous production and imports, if any of coaltar;

(c) how Government propose to meet the shortfall so that the construction of black-top roads does not suffer; and

(d) whether the stoppage of coaltar production by a unit in Cochin Oil Refinery is responsible for this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) There was a marginal shortfall in the production of bitumen during the first half of the current year. However, it is expected that the bitumen requirement for 1987-88, assessed at about 1.450 million tonnes, would be met fully from indigenous production.

(d) The shortage was a cumulative effect of shortfall from several refineries including the Cochin Refinery.

Action plan for the relief of Bhopal gas victims

2244. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan has now been finalised by the central and Madhya Pradesh Governments for long-term medical relief and economic rehabilitation of the gas victims and for environmental improvement of Bhopal city; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the plan, its estimated cost and the time schedule for implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh have already set up medical infrastructure like 125 bedded Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital, a separate MIC ward in Hamidia Hospital, Bhopal etc. for providing medical relief to